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1. In connection with recent changes in the organization of the "German Administration of the Interior", a number of its officials and police officers have gone to Moscow for military instruction.* The following are mentioned as members of the group:
 - a. Bernhard Bechler, until recently Minister of the Interior for Brandenburg
 - b. Richard Stairer, former Chief of Police of Brandenburg
 - c. Paul Markgraf, former Police President of Berlin
 - d. Ottomar Pech, formerly deputy chief of the uniformed constabulary in the Berlin police, afterwards with the Verwaltung für Schulung
 - e. Kurt Wagner, vice-president of the GAI
 - f. Arthur Brandt, Chief of Intendantur with the GAI
 - g. (fnu) Kirchner, formerly chief of Section 3 (Weapons), Intendantur, GAI
 - h. Hermann Rentzsch, chief of the Hauptabteilung Bereitschaften under Zeisser
 - i. (fnu) Lohberger, Inspekteur, Politikultur head for the Bereitschaften in Saxony
 - j. (fnu) Dollwetz, formerly first deputy to Willy Zeisser in charge of Politikultur
2. The course in Moscow is said to have been established for politically reliable former officers and professional soldiers. Its duration is to be eleven months, including one month's leave, which is not to be taken in Germany.

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